



Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Figel

U.S. Army Special Operations Parachute Demonstration Team

The Black Daggers

Sergeant First Class Aaron Figel is a native of Northern California and a graduate of Pinole Valley High school. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Kansas Wesleyan University.

He joined the military in 2002 as an Airborne Infantryman; after completing Airborne School and the Ranger Indoctrination Program, SFC Figel was assigned to Charlie Company 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. In 2008 SFC Figel chose to attend the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program where he served on the Army Parachute Team, Golden Knights, until 2014 then joined the USASOC Black Daggers.

SFC Figel started jumping in 1993 and has more than 5,000 Accelerated Free Fall jumps; SFC Figel is an Accelerated Freefall Instructor, Tandem Instructor, and holds a Pro Demonstration Rating, Military Static Line Parachutist and Military Freefall Parachutist ratings. He has over 800 jumps as a Tandem Instructor and 30 military static line jumps.

Presently, SFC Figel is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Army Special Operation Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a Full-time member of the USASOC Parachute Demonstration Team.

SFC Aaron Figel's Military awards and decorations include: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3), Army Superior Unit Award, Good Conduct Medal (4), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal (2), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development (3), Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, Military Freefall Parachutist Badge, and Parachutist Badge.